REMARKS

The present application is a reissue application for U.S. Patent No. 5,906,407 (the '407 patent) which issued May 25, 1999. The reissue application is filed within two (2) years of the issue date and new claims have been entered seeking to broaden the definition of the invention. In the Declaration by the Inventor, Charles M. Schmeichel, it is indicated that the specification, the drawings and the claims are defective. The specification, drawings and claims were prepared by an attorney other than the undersigned attorney. It is believed by the Applicant that the drawings do not fully show all aspects of the invention, making it difficult to fully claim the invention. In addition, the specification does not fully describe the invention, thereby limiting the ability of the Applicant to fully claim the invention. It is believed that there is no remedy for this lack of complete description of the invention as any addition to the drawings and to the specification is likely to be determined to be new matter. It is believed, however, that the new claims entered into the present reissue application, claims 15-32, do provide a broader definition of the invention and, although the invention is not completely described in the specification and drawings, it is believed that the Applicant will be better served by the present claims than he may have been with the originally filed claims which ultimately issued with the '407 patent. The original claims, however, have not been cancelled as they do afford some certain protection for the Applicant's invention, protection which has value to the Applicant.

The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if the undersigned attorney can provide any further information to the Examiner which would be helpful or if there are informalities in the present application which can be addressed

easily over the telephone. The undersigned attorney looks forward to working with the Examiner to obtain suitable patent protection for the Applicant.

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